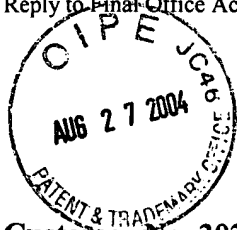


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Application No.	:	10/042,620	Confirmation No.	:	4385
Applicant	:	Jason C. Gilmore <i>et al.</i>			
Filed	:	January 9, 2002			
Title	:	GAMING MACHINE WITH CHAIN REACTION SELECTION FEATURE			
TC/A.U.	:	3714			
Examiner	:	Robert E. Mosser			
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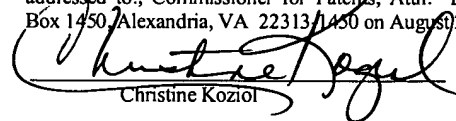
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37 C.F.R. 1.8

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This is in response to the final Office Action dated June 21, 2004. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, *i.e.*, by September 21, 2004, and this Reply is being filed within the two-month period, *i.e.*, by August 23, 2004, as August 21st was a Saturday. Please enter the following into the record for this application.

In response to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2004, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the following remarks.

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The Applicants' Amendments to the claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

The Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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In Re Application Of:

Jason C. Gilmore
Larry J. Pacey

Application No.: 10/042,620

Filed: January 9, 2002

For: Gaming Machine With
Chain Reaction
Selection Feature

) Atty. Docket No.: 47079-00129

) Examiner: Robert E. Mosser

) Group Art Unit: 3714

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a "Reply To Final Office Action" for this application.

The Applicant is other than a small entity.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

The Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. This conditional petition is being made, however, to provide for the possibility that the Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below.

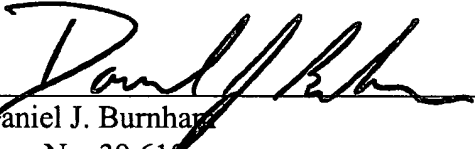
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Independent	5	5	0 x	\$ 42 = \$	\$ 84 = \$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented				\$ 140 = \$	\$ 280 = \$ 0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE					\$ 0

There is no additional fee for claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 10-0447 (47079-00129). A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 23, 2004



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